I `ve just watched a clip on the song «Another brick in the wall» of legendary Pink Floyd. They seem to be very critical towards an educational system – they claim it creates an amorphous dull mass from children, a kind of minced meat as it is literally shown in a video. Let us look into the issue and figure out whether it is really the case.

From my point of view, school is not such an evil as it is presented in the clip. Or more precisely it really depends on a person. I am inclined to believe that school gives us a certain list of guidelines and recommendations, a kind of base where we can choose what we are interested in. The thing is that some people do not want to develop themselves, have no academic (or any other) interests, as they are too lazy to discover the world around them and work on their progress on their own (e.g. read a book that is not compulsory to read at school). I guess that is the only thing that can make a dull mass as when people who don`t have any hobbies they are very alike.

The worst thing is that such people often become teachers as they are incapable of becoming anyone else and often are unhappy about their life ("those who can, do; those who can’t, teach"). I think that`s not a system but people who impede pupils` development and they should be taken off teaching. In fact, being a good teacher means having a really wide range of interests. The goal is to inspire pupils to broaden their horizons and teach a core skills of analytical work. Without national curriculum knowledge risk being abrupt what can prevent some people from developing their capacities.

In addition, school is a place where such an important process as socialization happens. It`s essential for every person to learn how to get on with other people, as a human being (especially contemporary one) can`t exist without society. That`s why being «another brick in the wall» can imply not only being awfully mediocre but also fitting a social group as well. Actually, any class is like a miniscule society where people who are totally different from each other have to interact.

To conclude, I consider a school as an institution where you can get social skills and adjust to society as well as get some basic perception of the world around us where belonging to a dull mass or possessing a bright personality is a matter of choice.